

Idaho Peace Officer Codes of Ethics and Conduct

IDAPA Rules 11.11.01

063. CODE OF CONDUCT/CODE OF ETHICS. Each applicant shall attest that he has read, understands, and will abide by the Law Enforcement Code of Conduct as found in Subsection 091.04 and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as found in Subsection 091.05. (4-2-08)

090. CERTIFICATION OF PEACE, DETENTION, JUVENILE DETENTION, AND JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS.

091.INTRODUCTION.

01. Certificates and Awards. Certificates and awards may be presented by the Council for the purpose of recognizing or raising the level of competence of law enforcement and to foster cooperation among the Council, agencies, groups, organizations, jurisdictions, and individuals. (3-20-97)

02. Property. Certificates and awards remain the property of the Council and are only valid as long as the officer has not been decertified and is appointed as an Idaho peace, county detention, juvenile detention, juvenile probation, correction, adult probation and parole, or misdemeanor probation officer, or an Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Direct Care Staff member. (3-29-10)

03. Decertification. (3-30-07) **a.** The Council shall decertify any officer who is convicted, as defined in Idaho Code Section 19- 5109, of any felony or offense which would be a felony if committed in this state. The Council may decertify any officer who is convicted, as defined in Section 19-5109, Idaho Code, of any misdemeanor; willfully or otherwise falsifies or omits any information to obtain any certified status; or violates any of the standards of conduct as established by the council's code of conduct or code of ethics, as adopted and amended by the council. Any officer charged with a felony, a non-traffic misdemeanor, or a misdemeanor that would be a felony if committed in this state, must notify the POST Executive Director within fourteen (14) business days. Failure to notify constitutes a violation of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and the Law Enforcement Code of Conduct. (3-29-10) **b.** Any officer decertified by the Council is not eligible for POST certification of any kind in the future. Any officer who is the subject of a POST decertification investigation is not eligible for POST certification of any kind while under investigation. (3-29-10)

04. Law Enforcement Code of Conduct. As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality, and justice. I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. In furtherance of these duties, I hereby adopt and accept the following code of conduct: (7-1-99)

a. I shall conduct myself at all times in a manner that does not damage or have the likely result of damaging or bringing the public image, integrity, or reputation of my department or myself into discredit or disrepute. (7-1-99)

b. I shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages on duty or while in uniform on duty or off duty, except as expressly required for the lawful performance of my duties. Nor shall I unlawfully possess, sell, consume, use or assist in the use of any illegal or unauthorized drugs or medications on duty or off duty. (7-1-99)

c. I shall not engage in any illegal or unlawful harassment or intimidation of another, nor shall I permit personal prejudices, political beliefs, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. (7-1-99)

d. I shall not lie, give misleading information, or falsify written or verbal communications in official reports or in my actions with another person or organization when it is reasonable to expect that such information may be relied upon because of my position or affiliation with my department. (3-30-07)

e. I shall willfully observe and obey the lawful verbal and written rules, duties, policies, procedures, and practices of my department. I shall also subordinate my personal preferences and work priorities to the lawful verbal and written rules, duties, policies, procedures and practices of my department, as well as to the lawful orders and directives of supervisors and superior command personnel of my department. I shall willfully perform all lawful duties and tasks assigned by supervisory and/or superior-ranked personnel. Direct, tacit, or constructive refusal to do so is insubordination. (7-1-99)

f. I shall obey the constitutional, criminal and civil laws of the city, county, state, and federal government. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. (7-1-99)

05. Law Enforcement Code of Ethics. (3-30-07)

a. As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice. (3-30-07)

b. I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty. (3-30-07)

c. I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities. (3-30-07)

d. I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice. (3-30-07)

e. I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement. (3-30-07)

IDAPA Rules 11.11.04

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Training Council,” Subsection 091.04 and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as found in Subsection 091.05. (4-2-08)